



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: A.J.M. Garwood Attorney Docket No.: CRSL118412

Application No.: 10/037,440

Filed: January 2, 2002

Title: CONTINUOUS PACKAGING IN ENCLOSED CONDUITS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

April 8, 2002

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of pending Application No. PCT/US01/45146, entitled CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION AND PACKAGING OF PERISHABLE GOODS IN LOW OXYGEN ENVIRONMENTS, filed November 28, 2001, attorney docket no. CRSL-1-18064, designating the United States, which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/255,684, filed December 13, 2000; 60/286,688, filed April 26, 2001; 60/291,872, filed May 17, 2001; 60/299,240, filed June 18, 2001; 60/312,176, filed August 13, 2001; 60/314,109, filed August 21, 2001; 60/323,629, filed September 19, 2001; and 60/335,760, filed October 19, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part of pending Application No. 09/724,287, filed November 28, 2000, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of pending Application No. PCT/US00/29038, filed October 19, 2000, designating the United States, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/550,399, filed April 14, 2000, now abandoned, which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/129,595, filed April 15, 1999; 60/141,569, filed June 29, 1999; 60/144,400, filed July 16, 1999; 60/148,227, filed

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REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed within 3 months of the filing date of the above identified application. No new matter has been added. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE APRIL 8, 2002

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The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, has been amended as follows:

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